

REMARKS

Claims 13-15 were previously allowed. By means of the present amendment, claims 5-6 and 11-12 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a)

Claims 5-6 and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a) over Barker et al. (US Pat. No. 6,528,033), filed January 18, 2000. Although Applicants disagrees, the claims were canceled in order to expedite prosecution.

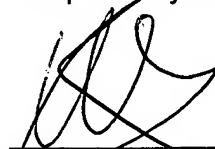
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner desires, Applicant welcomes a telephone interview to expedite prosecution and is available at the telephone number below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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